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THE HEART OF A  
VOLCANO--  
WHEN FALLS  
MAGNETO!



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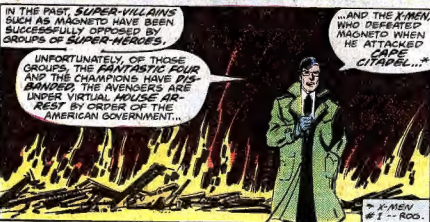
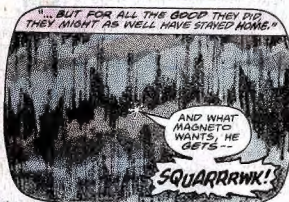
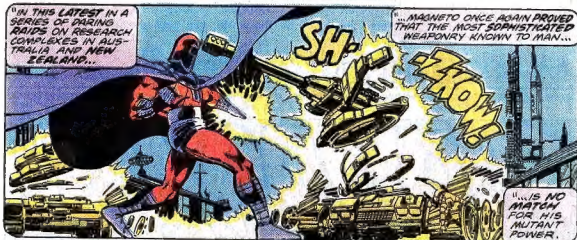
"HE ATTACKED WITHOUT WARNING, SMASHING HIS WAY THROUGH THE DEFENSIVE PERIMETER AS IF IT WASN'T EVEN THERE."

"WITHIN MINUTES, THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AEROSPACE RESEARCH FACILITY HERE AT WOOMERA FOUND THEMSELVES FIGHTING A DESPERATE BATTLE FOR SURVIVAL--"

--AGAINST ONE OF THE DEADLIEST BEINGS IN THE WORLD TODAY:  
**MAGNETO,**  
MASTER OF MAGNETISM!

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KIRINOS, IN THE CYCLADES ISLANDS, OFF SOUTHERN GREECE.

CHARLES XAVIER FOUND THIS PEACEFUL ISLE YEARS BEFORE, WHEN HE WAS BUMMING AROUND THE MEDITERRANEAN, TRYING TO MAKE SENSE OF WHY MOIRA HAD LEFT HIM.

NOW, HE'S BROUGHT TO KIRINOS A WOMAN HE LOVES AS MUCH AS HE ONCE LOVED MOIRA MAGTAGBERT.



LILANDRA, PRINCESS MAJESTRIX OF THE SHI'AR, AND HEIR TO THE THRONE OF A GALAXY-SPANNING EMPIRE.

I'M BEGINNING TO ENJOY MY 'TEMPORARY EXILE.' TRUE, EARTH IS PRIMITIVE COMPARED TO IMPERIAL CENTER--



--BUT BEING WITH CHARLES MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

I CANNOT CONCEIVE OF LIVING MY LIFE WITHOUT HIM.



YET, SOMEDAY-- POSSIBLY SOON-- I MUST--UNLESS HE WILL RETURN TO THE EMPIRE WITH ME.

CHARLES ARE YOU WELL?

WHAT?

WHAT'S WRONG, MY LOVE? YOU'VE BEEN TENSE ALL WEEK.



IT'S THE X-MEN, LILANDRA.



I'VE LOST MY TELEPATHIC RAPPORT WITH THEM.



THERE COULD BE A LOGICAL, NATURAL EXPLANATION.

OR THEY COULD BE IN DEADLY DANGER IF I ONLY KNEW.

"WHERE ARE THEY, LILANDRA? WHAT'S HAPPENED TO MY X-MEN?!"



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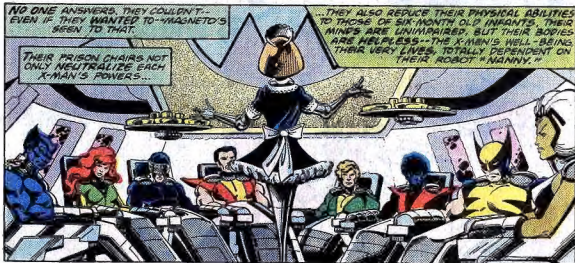
FOR THE X-MEN, THOUGH, IT'S THE BEGINNING OF  
THE LATEST CHAPTER OF A NEVER-ENDING NIGHTMARE.

GOOD MORNING  
CHILDREN. AND HOW  
ARE WE FEELING  
TODAY, HM?

NO ONE ANSWERS. THEY COULDN'T--  
EVEN IF THEY WANTED TO--MAGNETO'S  
SEEN TO THAT.

...THEY ALSO REDUCE THEIR PHYSICAL ABILITIES  
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MINDS ARE UNIMPAIRED, BUT THEIR BODIES  
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THEIR ROBOT "NANNY."

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ONLY NEUTRALIZE EACH  
X-MAN'S POWERS...



NAUGHTY WOLVERINE! IF  
YOU KEEP SPITTING UP YOUR  
FOOD, YOU SHALL MAKE  
NANNY VERY CROSS  
WITH YOU.

NNNNRRGHRRRR!!!

OH, DON'T CRY,  
POPPET. NANNY  
DIDN'T MEAN  
IT. NANNY  
LOVES YOU.

BATH AND MASSAGE FOR  
YOU TODAY, CYCLOPS.

GOD--  
THAT VOICE!  
LIKE A MARSH-  
MALLOW  
SOAKED IN  
HONEY.

THERE MUST  
BE A WAY  
OUT OF THIS!

OH, BEAST, YOU'VE SUCH MAR-  
VELOUS, SILKY FUR. YOU ARE  
A JOY TO BRUSH.

I'VE AN IDEA.  
WOULD YOU  
LIKE BOWS  
FOR YOUR  
HAIR? I'LL  
SEE IF I  
CAN FIND  
SOME.

I MUST  
BE OFF,  
CHILDREN.

I'LL BE BACK AT LUNCHTIME, AND  
THIS AFTERNOON, BEFORE YOUR NAPS.  
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I THINK  
I'LL  
SCREAM.

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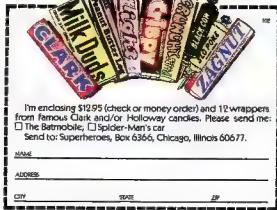
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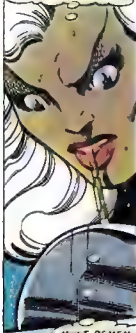
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AHMED EL-GIBAR WAS THE SELF-STYLED MASTER THEIF OF CAIRO WHEN SOME OF HIS ULRCHING FOUND HER IN A BACK-ALLEY A FEW WEEKS AFTER HER PARENTS HAD BEEN KILLED



HE TEXA HER IN

SEE KIMEN # 102 --R00

SOMETHING'S HAPPENING-- I CAN TESTE IT & THERE WERE ONLY SOME WAY I COULD HELP--



J'IMMAR MARRON

POOR SCOTT HE SOUNDS LIKE HE'S IN ADOXY.

USED TOO MUCH PRESSURE. TUMBLERS ARE INCREDIBLY DELICATE--CAN'T FORCE THEM...



...AND THEY'RE SET IN A SEQUENCE, THE SLIGHTEST MISTAKE AND I'LL HAVE TO GO BACK TO SQUARE ONE.

WITHIN A YEAR, SHE WAS THE FINEST BEGGAR IN CAIRO, BUT AHMED WANTED MORE FROM HER



HE TRAINED HER DAY AND NIGHT, UNTIL SHE COULD OPEN ANY LOCK, UNDER ANY CONDITIONS, IN RECORD TIME.



UNDER IDEAL CONDITIONS, THIS LOCK WOULD BE A CHALLENGE, BUT NOW--

YOU ARE BOUND, AND THIS DOOR WILL BE LOCKED AND BOLTED WHEN I LEAVE. I CANNOT HELP YOU, CHILD, AND I CAN NO LONGER PROTECT YOU



IF YOU ARE STILL HERE WHEN I RETURN, YOU ARE NOT THE PUPIL I THOUGHT YOU WERE

AND YOU WILL DESERVE YOUR FATE FARWELL, ORORO.

ALMOST FINISHED-- AHMED, YOU'D BE PROUD OF ME TONIGH-- NO!



BOSS

OH, NO!!



THANKS



IS ANYTHING THE MATTER, CHILDREN? I THOUGHT I HEARD SOMEONE CRY OUT

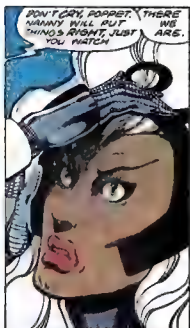
NANNY! MUST KEEP HER ATTENTION ON ME PRAY SHE DOESN'T NOTICE THE LOCK-PICK-CH, I WAS SO CLOSE!

WAAAAAAAAAAHHH!



STORM, YOU'VE KNOCKED YOUR HEAD, PRESS

POOR THING NO WONDER YOU'RE SO UPSET.



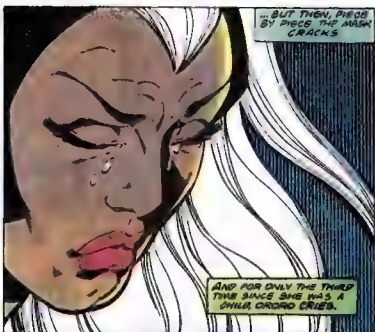
DON'T CRY, POPPET. THERE NANNY WILL PUT THINGS RIGHT, JUST YOU WATCH WE ARE.



I'LL FIND SOME PINS AND WE'LL SEE IF WE CAN'T FIX THAT ON A BIT MORE SECURELY.

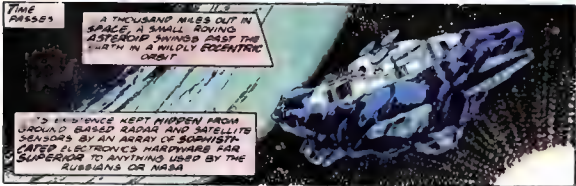
UNTIL THEN, WHY DON'T YOU HAVE A NICE LITTLE NAP

STORM'S FACE IS IMPASSIVE AS NANNY ROLLS AWAY



... BUT THEN, PIECE BY PIECE THE MASK CRACKS

AND FOR ONLY THE THIRD TIME SINCE SHE WAS A CHILD, ORORO CRIES.



TIME PASSES

A THOUSAND MILES OUT IN SPACE, A SMALL ROVING ASTEROID SWINGS PAST THE EARTH IN A WILDLY ECCENTRIC ORBIT

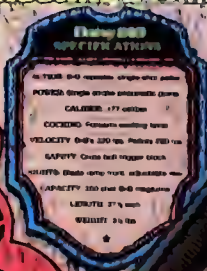
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PING!

HM--?!

THERE'S SOME SORT OF MINOR SYSTEMS MALFUNCTION AT MY ANTARCTICA COMPLEX. ODD, I WONDER WHY NANNY HADN'T REPAIRED IT?

IT IS MAGNETO'S HOME.

IT COULD BE NOTHING, BUT IT'D BEST TO TAKE NO CHANCES. THAT BASE IS STILL VITAL TO ME...

IN THE PAST, MY POWERS WERE SO DILUTED BY MY DEFEATS...

...THAT I NO LONGER HAD THE STRENGTH EVEN TO RETURN TO MY ASTEROID BASE, LET ALONE REBUILD IT \*

THANKS TO ERIC THE RED, THAT HAS CHANGED I AM STRONG BEYOND BELIEF, MY POWER UNDAINTED BY TIME OR WASTED BATTLES.

...AND MUCH OF THE DATA IN ITS COMPUTER MEMORY BANK IS IRREPLACEABLE.

\* AFTER ITS DESTRUCTION IN X-MEN #5 -- ROG

ONCE I'VE FINISHED WORK ON MY ASTEROID, I'LL HAVE AN IMPREGNABLE FORTRESS FROM WHICH I WILL TEACH ALL MANKIND THAT MAGNETO IS TRULY MASTER OF THE WORLD!

THIS IS THE CRITICAL TIME, THOUGH. MY RESOURCES ARE SPLIT BETWEEN THE ASTEROID AND MY TERRESTRIAL BASES.

...SHOULD ALSO BE WHEN I AM MOST VULNERABLE TO ATTACK

THIS SUDDEN MALFUNCTION-- COULD IT HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THE X-MEN?!

IT'S IRONIC-- THAT THE MOMENT WHEN THE CULMINATION OF MONTHS OF WORK IS AT HAND...

IMPOSSIBLE! THERE ARE A SCORE OF ALARM SYSTEMS IN THE COMPLEX-- ALL SET TO GO OFF IF THOSE CURSED MUTANTS BROKE FREE.

EVEN IF THEY HAVE  
ESCAPED MY NEURAL  
SHACKLES, I HAVE  
NOTHING TO WORRY  
ABOUT.



I'VE BEATEN THOSE  
CHILDREN TWICE BE-  
FORE. I CAN EASILY  
DO SO AGAIN.



ENPI! THE  
LIGHTS  
ARE OUT!

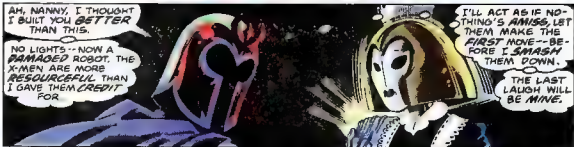
I'M NOT USED TO THIS PLACE  
IN THE DARK. IT WILL TAKE  
ME A MOMENT TO GET MY  
BEAR--WHAT'S THAT NOISE?!



NANNY--ZIP  
ROLLING FULL  
SPEED IN A  
CIRCLE?!

AH, NANNY, I THOUGHT  
I BUILT YOU BETTER  
THAN THIS.

NO LIGHTS--NOW A  
DAMAGED ROBOT. THE  
X-MEN ARE MORE  
RESOURCEFUL THAN  
I GAVE THEM CREDIT  
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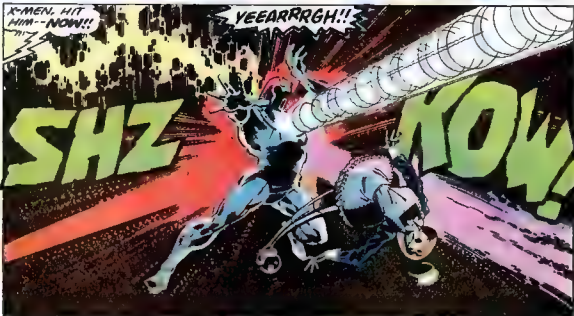


I'LL ACT AS IF NO-  
THING'S AMISS, LET  
THEM MAKE THE  
FIRST MOVE--BE-  
FORE I SMASH  
THEM DOWN.

THE LAST  
LAUGH WILL  
BE MINE.

X-MEN, HIT  
HIM--NOW!!

YEEARRRGH!!



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KOW!





NO, WOLVERINE! YOU CAN'T REACH HIM BEFORE HE RECOVERS.

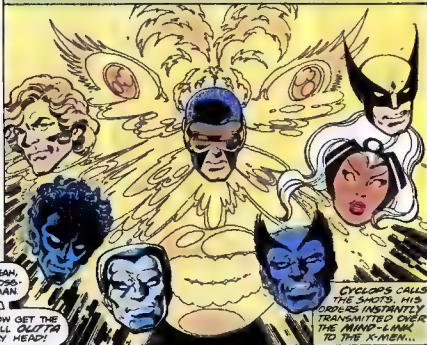
YOU KNOW THE PLAN. EITHER FOLLOW IT-AND MY ORDERS--OR BACK OFF! UNDERSTOOD?



YEAH, BOSS-MAN.

NOW GET THE HELL OUTTA MY HEAD!

CYCLOPS CATCHES THE ANGER BEHIND WOLVERINE'S PARTING THOUGHT, BUT HE IGNORES IT AS PHOENIX REACHES OUT AND TELEPATHICALLY LINKS THE X-MEN'S MINDS WITH HIS.



CYCLOPS WANTS ME TO DRAW ALL THE ALUMINUMITY OUT OF THE AIR AROUND MAGNETO...



"I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN DO IT."

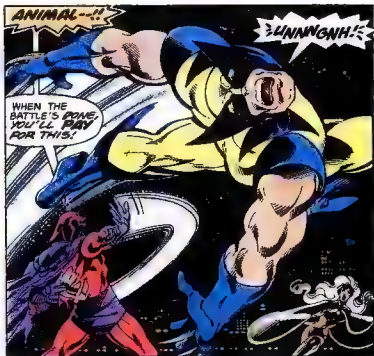
FOOLS! YOU'VE GIVEN ME TIME TO REGAIN MY STRENGTH!



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It's been some time since I've written, but rest assured I've been mildly enjoying every issue of the X-MEN you guys can't seem to do anything wrong. I loved #108's tremendous comic trip, and I loved #109 because it was *not* a tremendous comic trip. I have a special affection for super heroes doing ordinary things like going on dates and picnics and writing letters home. The last relatively relaxed issue of the X-MEN was #101, over a year ago. Team comics especially need occasional breaks in the madness to luxuriate in a little fully-developed characterization. Nightcrawler was his usual delightful self, Cyclops was his usual morose self, and Colossus was showing more personality all at once than he has in any previous issue. And more serious and immensely realistic were Jean's ordinary middle-class parents adjusting to a daughter who is now not what they consider normal — something many parents have to cope with. Don't let Mr. and Mrs. Grey fade into limbo again. I've complained before about the over-abundance of orphan and motherless super-doers (I greatly resent the fact that far more super-heroes have fathers than have mothers, therefore I'm not totally happy with the appearance of Corsair). So be sure to make the most of Jean's two alive and present parents. You might even bring in Jean's sister from Albany (see X-MEN #22, page seven, panel 3). You've got super heroes with brothers, but no super heroines with sisters.

Now, as for your villain James MacDonald Hudson? Ye gods, what a name! But certainly appropriate, perhaps a little overly so. They always say that to be a Canadian hero you have to be a Scot, preferably a MacDonald or a MacKenzie. And I compliment you, John, on the originality of Weapon Alpha's costume—there's only so much you can do with a Canadian flag costume, and Captain Canuck already took the easy way out. I'm glad to see you came up with something different and dramatic. Be not concerned about taking over from the great Dave Cockrum. You already know I'm one of your biggest fans, but I'm also very sensitive to changes of artist on my favorite strips (I've never really gotten over Ditko's departure from SPIDER-MAN) and I've loved your X-MEN as much as Cockrum's right from the start. I hope all these compliments make up for the fact that I laughed when Weapon Alpha called his suit "the ultimate product of Canadian technology." I'm sorry. I really didn't mean to, but I couldn't help myself. It's what comes from living in border towns all my life. The understated appearance of SHIELD Canada (I'm sure that's what they call it) was apt, but I can't believe the same organization that found out Nova's secret I.D. doesn't know everything about the new X-Men. They'd at least know what team their former agent Wolverine had joined. Not even a border-town kid like me would expect a Canadian intelligence system to be that incompetent.

Jane C. Hollingsworth  
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After all these months, Jane, it's very good to hear from you again. As far as you meeting Jean Grey's sister, Chris and John both say they have something planned—when they'll find room in the story line to spring it on an unsuspecting readership is anybody's guess. As for your digs at Canadian intelligence, don't knock them too hard. From what Claremont has been heard to mutter, Professor Xavier blanked his presence on Alpha base from the minds of everyone he met. Which means, as far as the Canadian government is concerned, Wolverine just up and disappeared one morning, only to reappear some time later as part of a super-team, one of whose members is an ex-convict and another a Soviet citizen. And you wonder why they want him back?

Ladies and Gentlemen,

First, I can understand Mr. Byrne's nervousness at taking over the art chores for the book. He's got a lot to live up to. If these last two issues, however, are any indication, there's nothing for any of us to worry about. Coupled with Mr. Austin's inks, his art has kept this book at the same powerful level of quality that has kept it far above the field since its revival. And just so Mr. Claremont doesn't feel neglected, I'll say for the umpteenth time that as far as I'm concerned, his feel for careful and mature characterization keeps him among the very best writers in comics. Ever.

Pages 11 & 14 of X-MEN #109 really got to me. The whole issue was filled with delicious bits of characterization, but these two pages were special. Even in the 'old' X-Men, I felt for Cyclops... his darkness, his helpless moodiness. When he decided, way back then, to stay with the new X-Men, I could have cried. But this issue made me feel more pain for a character than I have in a long, long time. I can understand.

To some extent, we all can. Not many mutants out here, but I think a lot of us feel trapped by the accidents of birth or circumstance that made us what we are. I know I have. Kurt's words recall the words of a friend to me. I know that pain of helplessness, that paralyzing fear that leads to and from brooding. I know the truth of the words, "...you'll destroy not only yourself—but those who love you."

I wish I could walk into that book and talk to him. I wish I could tell him that being beaten down by these feelings is part of existence, that you can't hide behind routines of 'responsibility', that the only way to live is just to do it. That's only good for so much.

Pheh. I didn't mean to run on like that. I'm not sure what the point of this letter is, except to thank you all for making a 'funny book' that could provide me with such an intense experience. I guess also that I want to see Scott make it. We've sort of come a ways together, struggling with the same sort of things. I've pretty much made it—I want to see him get through, too. And since I can't talk to him, I talk to you. Cut the man a break. Guide him out of this.

Well, enough already. Thanks for the book. Good luck and God bless.

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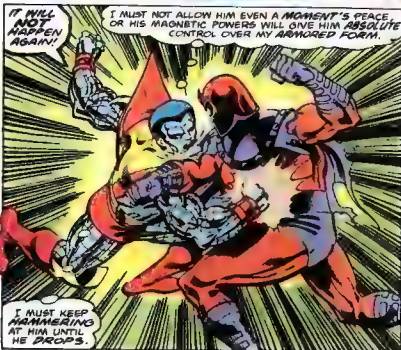
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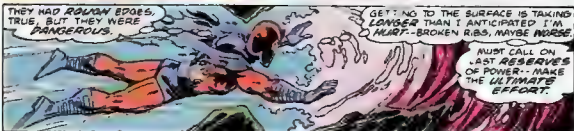
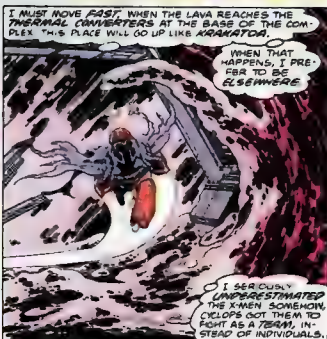
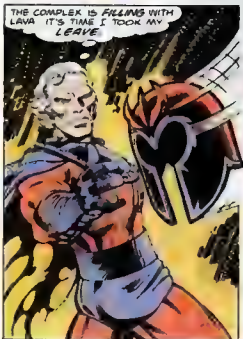
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Know something? I've gotta learn to speak Japanese! All of a sudden, Marvel is threatening to become the latest and greatest "in" thing in the Land of the Rising Sun! There are special Japanese-version Marvel movies being produced, specially adapted Marvel comics, toys, games, and—for all we know, even Spider-Man samurai warriors! (We know there are SHOGUN warriors, 'cause we're preparing a great new Shogun mag right now, but it's still a secret, so don't let on I saidja!) Anyway, just to totally obfuscate the issue, see if you can figure this one out: These wim and witty words are being written for you in the beginning of March, in order to get them printed in time to go on sale in June! Now stay with this, huh? I'm heading for Japan in the middle of May, which is a couple of months from now ("now" being the time I'm writing this! I'm bustin' to tell you all about my trip, but I can't 'cause I haven't gone yet, although by the time you read this I'll have been back for about a month! See why I'm always mixed up? See why we always tell you that Marvel time is different than "real world" time? See why, when someone asks me the date, I panic and run for the hills? But now, before you get too emotional about this, let's welcome all our Japanese friends on board, and, to all of them, and all of you, the mighty voices of Marveldom Assembled now cry out: "YO! toh-MOH-dah-chi ne nah RI mah-shoh, NAH kah yoh-ku shi MAH shoh", which, as all True Believers know, means "Let us be good friends"! And, if the omnipotent Odin will return the Silver Surfer's curling iron to him, one of these days I'll teach you how to say it in English!

Exhorter!

*Stan*

**ITEM!** First things first! Our humblest apologies to plucky PETRA GOLDBERG for failing to mention in last month's Bullpen Bulletin her outstanding contribution to Marvel Super Special #4 featuring THE BEATLES STORY. Petra is responsible for the splendiferous coloring therein—but since every alert Marvelite already possesses his very own copy, you all know that anyway.

**ITEM!** It seems that congratulations are in order for none other than Dauntless DON MCGREGOR. Early this April, the lucky guy wed a certain lovely lady by the name of Marsha Childers, and I would appear they'll both be on Cloud 9 for quite a while! We at the Bullpen would like to join Marveldom Assembled in wishing the newlyweds all the best.

**ITEM!** Speaking of Don McGregor, somehow, darling what had to have been rather hectic weeks before his wedding, the Dauntless One

managed to script the masterful tale appearing in MARVEL PREMIERE #43. The story features PALADIN, a hard-fisted, sharp-shooting, mildly mercenary sensation first introduced in the pages of DAREDEVIL by JIM (Trouble) SHOOTER. Seldom has a new character evoked such an overwhelming ovation, and so natch, the ever eager to please Bullpen waited little time bringing him back in his own showcase. It's magnificently illustrated by Tap-dancin' TOM SUTTON and it's on sale now! And by the way, any resemblance between Paladin's demented-in-distress and Don's blushing bride is probably his doing!



**ITEM!** Special Events abound this month! After seeming ages of hard work by Devik, May-Can DOUG MOENCH, Rompoper' RON WILSON, and Redoubtable RICARDO VIL LAMONTE, the first full-color magazine-size issue of THE HULK is finally on sale—and it is a doozie! Yours for only a pittance—mere \$1.50—it portrays the Emerald Behemoth in a manner befitting the mightiest mortal ever to walk the earth. It's all there—the power, the hate, the triumph and the tragedy—truly this is an epic! As if the art and story weren't enough, this issue also features a full-color photo section devoted to the smash sensation Incredible Hulk TV show! Get to your newsstand fast, before they're all gone!

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**ITEM!** More news from Simon and Schuster! THE MIGHTY MARVEL SUPERHEROES FUN BOOK #3 is in the bookstores now just waiting to provide untold hours of entertainment for Marvel Minions. Check it out!

**ITEM!** Whew! Sometimes we get so caught up in all the fanfare for exceptional items and once in a lifetime deals we almost forget to mention the things that made Marvel great in the first place—namely our regular comics that month after month quickly maintain an incredible standard of excellence—the solid backbone of the line. One such title is CONAN, which as every True Believer knows, is fast approaching its 100th issue. Rascally ROY THOMAS, writer and editor of both the CONAN color comic and THE SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN black and white magazine, has consistently provided excellent stories and arranged for some of the very best artists anywhere to illustrate them. In addition to Big JOHN BUSCEMA, perennial Conan penciler and Eighth Wonder of the World, ALFREDO ALCALA, CARMINE INFANTINO, GENE COLAN and FRANK BRUNNER have all recently illustrated adventures of the sullen-eyed Cimmerian, each in his own distinctive, trend-setting style. Thus, barbarian-wenchers will be treated to varied visual delights in upcoming months, and we promise you'll love every minute of it.

**ITEM!** While we're on the subject of visual delights, we trust that everyone is as enamored of the previous penciling of Jubilar JOHN BYRNE as we are. A recent copy of X-MEN should serve as proof that our favorite denizen of the Frozen North has truly risen to Superstar Status! John visited us here in civilization while attending the March Creation Convention, and delighted everyone with his warmth and wit. He's a great talent and a nice guy. Ask any Armadillo.



**ITEM!** Just a final note which lends credence to our belief that Mighty Marvel is taking over the world—Did you know that in the smash Broadway musical extravaganza, BEATLE MANIA, a whole panoply of Marvel character actors are featured in the multimedia presentation? Notable among them are Magneto, Spidee, Ms. Marvel, Miss America, the Whizzer, Captain America, the Sub-Mariner, Iron Fist, Power Man, and more! Isn't fame wonderful? Hoo-hah!

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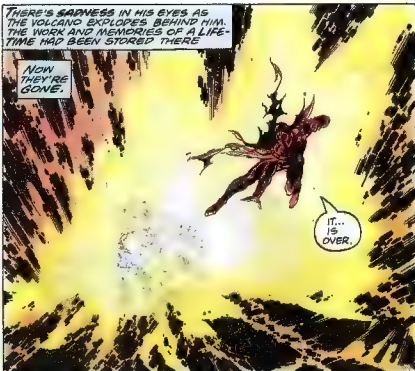
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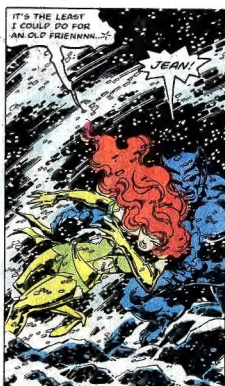
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